Estimated demand of LPG in the country

660. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present estimated demand of LPG in the country; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) (a) and (b). The total estimated demand of LPG during 1988-89 is 1.97 million MT. It is proposed to meet it from the estimated indigenous production of 1.75 million MT and imports to the extent of shortfall.

Import of Liquified Natural Gas

661. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to import liquified natural gas (LNG); and

(b) if so, what quantity is to be imported and how it is likely to be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) LNG import in future and its use will depend upon techno-economic viability and other relevant factors.

Petrochemical Complex at Hazira

662. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the porposal to set up a Petrochemical complex at Hazira in the State sector, if so, whether Government of Gujarat has been issued the necessary licence, if not, what are the reasons for the delay and by when a decision is likely to be taken;

(b) whether Government have cleared a Petrochemicals complex in the private sector either in Maharashtra or Gujarat and whether natural gas has been committed and at what price; and

(c) whether there is also an application for a gas cracker project in South Gujarat, if so, at what stage of consideration is the application pending?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A letter of intent has been issued on 25-11-88 to M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. for the setting up of a petrochemicals complex at Hazira for the manufacture of ethylene, propylene and Butadiene.

This Ccmplex is based on natural gas liquid (NGL) and naphtha as feed stock. No other petrochemical complex has been cleared in the private Sector either in Maharashtra or in Gujarat based on natural gas.

Sale of imported Drugs by IDPL

663. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the drugs and intermediates imported by IDPL and sold to the actual users during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what is the quantity of each drug imported and sold during the last three years, yearwise and what was the import price and what was the sale price for each;

(c) whether these itmes were permitted for import to IDPL as an actual user or for sale;

(d) Whether IDPL violated any of the conditions subject to which imports were allowed; and

(e) what happens to the difference between the sale price and the import price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price Control on Vitamin Formulations

664. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the exclusion criteria based on which Vitamin B1 and B2 have been price decontrolled;

(b) whether it is a fact that IDPL is the only producer of these drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the technology of IDPL for the production of Vitamin B2 is most inefficient and as against the CIF import price of Rs. 700 per Kg., IDPL is charging Rs. 2400 per Kg.;

(d) whether it is also a fact that price decontrol and substantial increase in prices have pushed the consumer prices of Vitamin formulations;

(e) on what basis these drugs have been price decontrolled when none of the exclusion criteria are being fulfilled;

(f) whether it is also a fact that IDPL has imported these drugs; and

(g) if so, the quantity imported during the last three years and CIF price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (e) Vitamin B1 and B2 have been exempted from Price Control as bulk drugs alongwith some other vitamin bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987 keeping in view the recommendation of the Kelkar Committee that all vitamins when used in combination should be price controlled.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Price of indigenously produced bulk drugs cannot be compared with import price of such bulk drugs.

(d) Prices of vitamin formulations have gone up due to increase in the cost of input materials and revised rates of MAPE vitamin combination formulations are, however, price controlled under DPCO, 1987.

(f) and (g) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Dues against IDPL and HAL

665. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount due to IDPL and HAL from DPEA during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) what are the names of drugs and intermediates in respect of which this amount was due and what was the amount due for each of these drugs for the said period;

(c) what are the payments from DPEA made to IDPL and HAL during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 and what is the amount still payable to IDPL and HAL for these years and earlier years so far;

(d) when would this amount be paid to IDPL and HAL:

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not recovered the amount from IDPL and HAL due under DPEA; and

(f) what is the undue profit made on Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Tetracycline and other drugs by IDPL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO). (a) and (b) No amount is payable to M/s. IDPL & M/s. HAL from DPEA in respect of years 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(c) and (d) As against the claim of Rs. 1109 lakhs for the period prior to 1986-87, a sum of Rs. 1033 lakhs has been paid to M/s. IDPL till date. An amount of Rs. 344 lakhs has been paid to M/s. HAL against their all claims pertaining to the periods prior to 1986-87.